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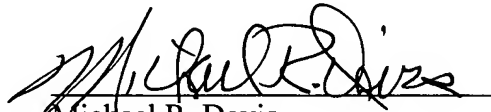
The multiple dependent claims have been amended to depend from only a single preceding claim, in order to reduce the filing fee.

Claim 10 is dependent on any one of claims 1-8, as well as claim 9. Claim 10 has been amended to depend only from claim 1. New claim 11 has been added to the application, and is the same as claim 10 except that it is dependent on claim 9.

Respectfully submitted,

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